

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RODERICK SKINNER,

Plaintiff

v.

RENEE PFISTER, *et al.*,

Defendants

Case No. 3:23-cv-00376-RCJ-CSD

**ORDER**

**I. DISCUSSION**

On August 4, 2023, this Court ordered Plaintiff to either pay the full \$402 filing fee or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents. (ECF No. 3). In response, Plaintiff filed a completed financial certificate and an inmate accounting statement but did not file the 3-page application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on this Court's approved form. (See ECF No. 4). The Court grants Plaintiff one final opportunity to file the missing application or pay the full \$402 filing fee.

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). "Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*." Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her

1 obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments.  
2 See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

3 **II. CONCLUSION**

4 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send  
5 Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well  
6 as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis*  
7 application.

8 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until November 2, 2023**, to either pay the full  
9 \$402 filing fee or file the 3-page application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on this Court's  
10 approved form.

11 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
12 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff  
13 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a  
14 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

15 DATED: October 4, 2023.

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18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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